

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 448 is introduced by Senator Day. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 17th of this year, referred to the Health Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: There are committee amendments from the Health Committee. I understand that Senator Matzke is going to take those on behalf of LB 448 and then we'll call on Senator Day to open on the measure.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, this bill provides for a temporary license to physical therapy assistants, to permit them to work under supervision of a physical therapist until they have passed their examination. The committee amendment does only one thing. It provided that this temporary license becomes null and void upon either passage or failure of the examination. That's about all the bill relates to. I would ask that the committee amendment be approved at this time before Senator Day opens on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. There are no other lights. Senator Matzke, would you care to close on the amendment? He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Health Committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. For those senators within the sound of my voice, if you would return to the Chamber and cast your ballot on LB 448, we could dispose of the matter one way or the other. We don't want to fall into the habit of having to have calls of the house at every turn throughout the rest of the morning. It will slow down our process with no increase in the deliberative nature of our discussion. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: They're adopted. We'll move now to the introducer of the measure, Senator Day, opening on LB 448.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, this bill is a revision of the Physical Therapy Practice Act and it basically does four things. The first thing it does is what we dealt with in the committee amendment, and that's a temporary certification for physical therapist assistants or PTAs. Right now we have